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7 A BILL  
8 TO BE ENTITLED  
9 AN ACT

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11 Relating to public education; to terminate the  
12 adoption and implementation of the curriculum standards  
13 commonly known as the Common Core Standards, also known as the  
14 Alabama College and Career Ready Standards, in K-12 public  
15 schools; and to require the State Board of Education to  
16 replace the Common Core Standards for Math and English  
17 Language Arts with new curriculum standards adopted by the  
18 board.

19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

20 Section 1. (a) The Legislature finds that the State  
21 Board of Education, in the fall of 2013, voted to rescind the  
22 Memorandum of Agreement that involved the State of Alabama in  
23 adopting the Common Core Standards, which ceded control of  
24 Alabama's standards to entities other than the state and local  
25 educational agencies, and declared that the collection of  
26 personal data concerning students of Alabama public schools  
27 would not be collected or compiled.

1           (b) In order to codify the intent of the board, the  
2 State of Alabama hereby terminates all plans, programs,  
3 activities, efforts, and expenditures relative to the  
4 implementation of the educational initiative commonly referred  
5 to as the Common Core State Standards, or any derivative or  
6 permutation thereof, including, but not limited to, the  
7 Alabama College and Career Ready Standards which have been  
8 adopted or may be adopted by the board or its employees,  
9 including any assessments, data collection, and instructions  
10 based on or involving any such standard or protocol.

11           (c) As part of the transition to an improved Alabama  
12 standards process, the State Board of Education shall replace  
13 the existing Common Core Standards with new standards adopted  
14 by rule pursuant to the Alabama Administrative Procedure Act.  
15 The new standards for Math and English Language Arts shall  
16 begin in the 2021-2022 school year and shall be known as the  
17 Alabama Core Standards.

18           (d) As part of the termination process, the  
19 Legislature directs the State Superintendent of Education, the  
20 State Board of Education, and any other public authority to  
21 terminate the flexibility waiver agreement with the U.S.  
22 Department of Education, pertaining to the federal Elementary  
23 and Secondary Education Act, which includes the adoption of  
24 the Common Core Standards, also known as the Alabama College  
25 and Career Ready Standards, and other areas of federal control  
26 of the educational process.

1           (e) The Legislature further prohibits the adoption  
2 or implementation of any national standards from any source,  
3 or the use of any assessments aligned with them, that cede  
4 control of Alabama educational standards in any manner,  
5 including, but not limited to, the Next Generation Science  
6 Standards, History Standards, Social Studies Standards, or  
7 Sexuality Standards.

8           Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect,  
9 prohibit, or inhibit the use of any of the following tools,  
10 standards, or certifications in the public K-12 schools: Any  
11 college entrance examination, workforce skills assessment or  
12 examination, advanced placement course, career technical  
13 credential, national board certification, academic language  
14 therapy certification, Praxis or other core academic skills  
15 for educators test, armed service vocational aptitude test, or  
16 International Baccalaureate standard.

17           (f) The state shall retain sole control over the  
18 development, establishment, and revision of K-12 course of  
19 study standards.

20           (g) Any education entity or any state official shall  
21 not join any consortium or any other organization when  
22 participation in that consortium or organization would cede  
23 any measure of control over any aspect of Alabama public  
24 education to any such entity.

25           Section 2. Any citizen of the State of Alabama shall  
26 have standing in the courts of Alabama to bring suit to ensure  
27 the enforcement of this act.

1                   Section 3. This act shall become effective  
2 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
3 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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